1st March 1930]

APPENDIX X.

[Vide answer to question No. 1534 asked by Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st March 1930, page 360 supra.]

(1)

Letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 12th February 1930, *R. No.* 261-*Establishment*/30.

[Post-mortem examination of the body of a Muslim lady by the District Medical Officer, South Arcot—Legislative Council Question No. * 1534.]

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter from the District Medical Officer, South Arcot, which contains the information called for by Government.

ENCLOSURE

Copy of letter R.C. No. 2024/29, *dated 6th February* 1930, *from the District Medical Officer, South Arcot, Cuddalore, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.*

(*a*) It is a fact that I conducted the post-mortem on the body of a Muslim lady. She was said to be *not a gosha lady*; however, the lady doctor (sub-assistant surgeon) was sent for, and as it was getting very late in the evening (5-30 p.m.) and putting off the examination for the next morning was considered not desirable in the interests of finding out the actual cause of death and hence do justice, I thought it expedient to do it myself. Before the post-mortem was commenced, however, a near relation of hers being also present, he was questioned by me and the Assistant District Superintendent of Police (who was also present) whether he had any objection for a male doctor to do it, and he replied he had none.

(*c*) I am aware of the Government Order but in the special case as detailed above, I thought I was not going much out of my province by so doing, especially when the parties of the deceased had no objection and she was said to be not a gosha lady. She was said to be freely moving about in the streets and selling hoppers, etc., by the roadside; she was aged about 55 years.

(2)

G.O. No. 1309, Judicial, dated 12th June 1915.

Read—

Extract from the Proceedings of a meeting of the Council of the Governor of Fort St. George assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament, 24 & 25 Vict., C. 67, 55 & 56 Vict., C. 14, and 9 Edw. 7, C. 4.

Order—No. 1309, *Judicial, dated 12th June*, 1915.

The attention of all magistrates is invited to the proceedings of the Legislative Council held on the 29th March 1915 relating to the resolution moved by the hon. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar Sahib Bahadur regarding the exhumation of the bodies of Muhammadans and the post-mortem examination of Muhammadan women. The Governor in Council desires that the

exhumation of the bodies of Muhammadans should, if possible, be carried out by Muhammadans themselves and preferably by relatives. The Governor in Council would also suggest that the post-mortem examination of the body of a Muhammadan woman be held by a lady doctor where the latter is available for the purpose.

(True extract)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Magistrates.
,, the Chief Presidency Magistrate.
,, the Inspector-General of Police.
,, the Commissioner of Police.
,, the Surgeon-General

Copy to the Public Department.

APPENDIX XI.

[Vide answer to question No. 1535 asked by Mr. A Ranganatha Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st March 1930, page 360 supra.]

Clauses (a), (b) and (c) of Question No. 1347 asked by Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar and answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council, dated 28th January 1930.

(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government are informed that there is no person of the name of H. M. D. Khan Sahib Ismail Siddick living in the Coonoor Municipality.

If, however, Khan Sahib Siddick Ismail Sait is intended and the building referred to is that under construction by Messrs. Siddick Meanjee Sait and Sons, the answer is as follows :—

(*a*) Yes, in July 1928.

(*b*) The Chairman reported in December 1928 that the portion objected to, viz., some projecting rolled steel joists, would be removed when the building was completed.

(*c*) It has not yet been removed. Notices have been served on the parties oo remove the joists and they have asked for time till the whole building is tompleted. The Chairman has granted the request.